

REMARKS

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner requires applicants to point out support for the following limitation of claim 1: "wherein the notifier is displayed so as to be viewable while the content is being displayed behind the active session."

Accordingly, the Examiner's attention is directed to the paragraph beginning at line 7, page 15 of the present application which reads as follows:

"On the other hand, if the block 74 determines that the newly posted content has been received, a block 78 provides a notifier to the content recipient that the newly posted content of interest has been received. This notifier may take several different forms. For example, the notifier may be the content itself which is immediately displayed to the content recipient as the top active layer of any applications that the content recipient has running on the content recipient's network enabled device. Alternatively, the notifier may be a window or an icon or other symbol which is displayed in a tool bar, a title bar, inside a window frame, or at any other suitable location, as an indication to the content recipient that newly posted content has been received. In this latter case, the content may be received and stored in temporary memory and may be displayed upon suitable activation of the notifier at a block 80. For example, the content provider may click on the notifier in order to display the content."

Moreover, the Examiner's attention is also directed to the paragraph beginning at line 6, page 17 of the present application which reads as follows:

"When the content recipient activates the notifier 82 at the block 80, a block 88 of the program 60 determines whether there is an active session being performed by the content recipient. An active session, for example, may be an application which has the focus of the content recipient. If there is an active session as determined at the block 88, and if the active session is displayed in an area of the screen display to be occupied by the content when the content is made to appear upon activation of the notifier 82, the program 60 at a block 90 uses the content display software discussed above in order to burn the content through the active session being displayed."

Further, the Examiner's attention is also directed to the paragraph beginning at line 21, page 17 of the present application which reads as follows:

"Thus, as shown in Figure 6, when the notifier 82 is activated, the note 22 is made to appear in a predetermined portion of the screen display 84 which happens to be partially occupied by a window 92. Accordingly, the window 92 is burned so that a border 94 is provided around the note 22. The border 94 allows whatever is in a layer below the window 92 to be seen through the border 94 around the note 22. Thus, the note 22 burns through the window 92 to expose a portion of the layer below the window 92."

In addition, the Examiner's attention is also directed to the paragraph beginning at line 21, page 30 of the present application which reads as follows:

"Also, as described above, newly posted content in the form of the note 22 is burned through the active session 88 if the notifier is suitably activated at the block 80. Alternatively, newly posted content in the form of the note 22 may burn through the active session 88 automatically upon receipt of the content without the activation of the notifier. As a further alternative, newly posted content in the form of the note 22 may automatically burn through the active session 88 dependent upon the subject matter of the note or upon an identity of the content provider."

All of these paragraphs disclose the display of a notifier indicating that content is available for display, where the notifier is displayed so as to be viewable while the content is being displayed behind the active session as recited in independent claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Because all rejected claims have been canceled and only allowed claims remain, issuance of the above captioned patent application is respectfully requested.

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